

## MINUTES

### FIRE PROTECTION SPRINKLER SYSTEMS WORK EXAMINING BOARD

APRIL 16, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson David Waskowicz on Thursday, April 16, 2015 at 9:02 a.m. in Room 117 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

**Members Present:** David J. Waskowicz - Unlimited Journeyperson, Chairperson  
Kevin Wypychoski – Unlimited Contractor  
Robert W. Hollis, III – Unlimited Contractor  
Thomas E. Booth – Unlimited Journeyperson  
Kevin Griffith – State Fire Marshal  
Anthony D. Moscato – Public Member

**Members Absent:** John Michalewicz – Public Member

**Board Vacancies:** One Public member  
One local fire marshal

**DCP Board Staff:** Karen Layman, Secretary

**Others Present:** Anthony Santoro, Esq.  
David LaFond  
Michael Donovan

**CT Dept. of Labor Apprenticeship Rep:** Tammie Whiting

**Note:** The administrative functions of the Boards, Commissions and Councils are carried out by the Department of Consumer Protection, Occupational and Professional Licensing Division. For information contact Richard M. Hurlburt, Director at (860) 713-6135 or Fax: (860) 706-1255.

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## **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

The Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2015 Fire Protection Sprinkler Systems Work Examining Board meeting as written.

## **COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:**

None

## **APPEARANCE FROM OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL:**

Assistant Attorney General Eileen Meskill did not appear today, however, she is scheduled to attend the May 21, 2015 meeting to provide legal advice regarding the following case: *Supreme Court of the United States, North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners v. Federal Trade Commission*.

## **APPLICATIONS:**

(See “New Business”)

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **1. Residential fire sprinkler systems**

**David LaFond, NFSA, was present and submitted two documents. These documents were added to the agenda by board vote and a review and discussion took place:**

- **Media Advisory on a Live Life Saving Fire Safety Demonstration taking place on May 2, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. in the Home Depot parking lot, 503 New Park Avenue, West Hartford, CT.**

The Board discussed the effectiveness of side-by-side demonstrations such as this one to inform the public of how fast fire spreads and the benefits of having a fire sprinkler in the home.

- **Letter addressed to Senator Timothy Larson and Representative Stephen Dargan, Co-chairs of the Public Safety Committee, from David LaFond, NFSA, dated April 13, 2015 regarding the installation of automatic fire sprinklers in new residential construction in Connecticut, including a brief on this topic issued by the Network for Public Health Law.**

The Board, along with Mr. LaFond, reviewed this letter and attached brief, and reiterated their concerns for public safety if Connecticut does not adopt the code change which requires the installation of fire sprinklers in all new one and two family homes. In addition, the use of lightweight construction materials in new

homes has become more prevalent, despite the fact that these materials cause fires to burn faster and places residents and first responders in even more danger in the event of a fire.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **1. Connecticut Statute Section 20-334a, Types of Licenses; for the Board's information**

The Board reviewed Statute Section 20-334a and a discussion ensued regarding recent statutes changes relating to lapsed licenses and the reinstatement process. The Board expressed their concern over the fact that they were not informed of recent changes in the statutes and regulations pertaining to the Fire Protection Board.

The Board voted unanimously to request that the Department provide the Board in writing with any changes or updates in the statutes and regulations pertaining to the Fire Protection Board going forward.

### **2. The following late-arriving applications were added to the agenda by board vote:**

**Michael McKelvie, Northbridge, MA – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyperson – Approved**  
The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. McKelvie's (F-2) application.

**William Seward, Purdys, NY – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyperson – Denied**  
The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Seward's (F-2) application due to lack of original, notarized employer letter stating dates and duties employment.

**Michael Donovan, Windsor Locks, CT – (F-2) Unlimited Contractor – Approved**  
Mr. Donovan's (F-1) application was denied on 3/19/15 by the Board due to lack of a current Connecticut (F-2) license. Mr. Donovan appeared today for reconsideration of his application. After discussion with the Board, Mr. Donovan chose to amend the category of license sought to the (F-2) license. The Board voted unanimously to approve the (F-2) application.

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

## **DCP TRADE PRACTICES COMPLAINT STATUS REPORT:**

Trade Practices Division Director Richard Maloney appeared and reported that there were no complaints this reporting period.

**COMMENTS BY CHAIRPERSON:**

1. Chairperson David Waskowicz reiterated the Board's concern over the fact that board members are not clear on the amount of time in which a license is considered lapsed and the time in which an applicant would be required to retest.

The Board voted unanimously to request a complete copy of updated statutes and regulations that pertain to the Fire Protection Board for the next scheduled Board meeting.

2. Chairperson David Waskowicz reported that he has met with Commissioner Harris and that the Commissioner will stop in at board meetings periodically as his schedule allows.

**COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:**

None

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Layman,  
Board Secretary

**2015 Meeting Schedule**

- **May 21, 2015**
- **June 18, 2015**
- **July 16, 2015**
- **August 20, 2015**
- **September 17, 2015**
- **October 15, 2015**
- **November 19, 2015**
- **December 17, 2015**

**All meetings will take place at 9:00 a.m. at 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT in Room 117**